

BROWARD COUNTY

GREEN SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

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WHAT IS THE GREEN SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN?

- The Broward Green Schools Campaign is a part of The Climate Reality Project's national network of local campaigns aiming to transition educational institutions to 100% clean energy.
- Within Broward County's campaign the Broward Sierra Group - Junior Team is calling for a transition to 100% clean energy, and electrification of school busses.

WE NEED 100% CLEAN ENERGY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

- Annually, schools in the United States are spending \$8 billion on energy and emit an estimated 72 million metric tons of carbon dioxide – equivalent to the output of 18 coal plants.
- CO2 emissions contribute to increased frequency of extreme heat; instances of extreme heat lead to higher rates of heat related illness, and can be dangerous to predisposed groups and individuals.
- Broward County has already taken began taking action to reducing its carbon emissions, and Green Schools is the next step.

OUR DEMAND

- The Broward Green Schools Campaign is calling for Broward County Public Schools to transition to 100% clean energy by 2030
- BCPS can request funding from the IRA to help fund these projects
- This would include the use of electric school buses, solar panels, the use of geothermal energy, and more examples of clean energy.

THE BENEFITS OF RESILIENT SCHOOLS

Ex: Healthier schools



Renewable energy cuts pollution, creating a healthier environment for students and staff.

Ex: Learning opportunities



Clean energy initiatives provide practical learning experiences in sustainability and technology.

Ex: Lower Energy Costs



Clean energy reduces utility expenses, freeing up funds for educational improvements.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Already endorsed by
 - Representative Robin Bartleman, District 103
 - Representative Micheal Gottlieb, District 102
 - Mayor Joy Cooper, Hallandale Beach
 - Mayor Sandra Welch, Coconut Creek
 - Mayor Mike Ryan, Sunrise
 - Commissioner Nancy Metayer Bowen, Coral Springs
 - Commissioner Idelma Quintana, Hollywood
 - Commissioner Jennifer Andreu, Plantation
 - Commissioner Melissa Dunn, Lauderhill

COMMUNITY INPUT

- “Those same efforts can be addressed at the Broward County School District level, and towards a successful conclusion. As a matter of fact, I would challenge all the other Mayors in Broward County to assist our students with the Green Schools Campaign.” -Mayor of Coconut Creek, Sandra Welch
- “Our schools are one of the most important keys to to clean energy for two reasons. First, the vast quantities of energy they consume dwarfs nearly anything else in the County. Second, teaching our students how to use and promote clean energy as kids will have a huge ripple effect as they grow up and can impact other areas and industries.” -Nancy Fry, PTA/PTSA member

JOIN US!

SUPPORT THE BROWARD GREEN SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

All students, parents, teachers, elected officials, and community members:
sign today transition Broward County Public Schools to 100% clean energy

Anyone is able to help! We are looking for high school students who are looking to make a difference in our schools. If you know anyone who is interested, please reach out. And, not just kids, but teachers and parents, too!

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NEXT STEPS

- Formally acknowledge support
 - sign a letter of support
- Garner support from local schools
 - Partner with local schools to get support through our QR code petition
 - all community members
- Support Public Engagement and Campaigns
 - Write a statement of support and explain why transitioning Broward County public schools to 100% clean energy is essential for each city's climate goals



QUESTIONS?

